



REMARKS

Claims 22-30, 32-37 and 39-42 remain in the present application. Claims 22, 32 and 37 were amended in this response. Claims 31 and 38 were canceled, without prejudice.

Claims 22-30, 33-37, 39, 40 and 42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kawan* (U.S. Patent No. 6,442,532) in view of *Terranova* (U.S. Patent No. 6,098,879) and further in view of *Rosen* (U.S. Patent No. 5,953,423). Claims 31, 32, 38 and 41 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. For the following reasons, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection and respectfully request the withdrawal thereof.

Claims 22 and 37 were amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 31 and 38, respectively. As claims 31 and 38 were directed to allowable subject matter, Applicants submit that the claims in their current form as allowable as well. In light of the present amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 22 and 37 of the present application, as well as claims 23-30, 32-36 and 39-42 which respectfully depend therefrom, are both novel and non-obvious over the art of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If any additional fees are due in connection with this Application as a whole, the office is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from deposit account number 02-1818. If such a deduction is made, please indicate the Attorney Docket No. (0112740-194) on the account statement.

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